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TOPIC Military Information from the Rerik Training Area

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1. On 29 September 1950 the AA gun emplacements previously observed at Rerik (L 55/0 51) were no longer there. Local residents said that most of the troops had left the training area in mid-September 1950, boarding trains in Neubukow and Kroepelin. No new units arrived after that.
2. On 29 September 1950 it was said that three companies were located in the restricted area of Rerik. One of the companies was to leave on 1 October, allegedly to participate in maneuvers. Soldiers, in speaking of the forthcoming maneuvers, mentioned the towns of Prerow, Darss, Neubrandenburg and Magdeburg.
3. The owner of the bakery who supplied the troops with bread worked with only 3 helpers instead of the 18 he previously employed. The bread was paid for by administrative offices in Potsdam, Magdeburg and Zeitz, the largest payments coming from Magdeburg.

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5. No Soviet troop movements were observed in the Wismar-Rerik area from 4 to 6 October 1950. The Wustrow peninsula was barred to civilian traffic by a road barrier at Rerik. Only a few Soviet soldiers were seen. A guard unit of about 100 men was on the peninsula in early October 1950.

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6. In early October 1950 residents of Rerik said that 6,000 to 8,000 Soviet troops had been in the Rerik-Wustrow area prior to September 1950. *

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Comment. The information is given credence. However, [redacted]
[redacted] troops departed from the railroad stations of
Kroacelin and Noubukow in early October 1950. [redacted]
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[redacted] A previous report
[redacted] stated that 194,000 castmarks had been appropriated
to provide the military quarters on the Iustrow peninsula with heating
facilities by mid-December 1950. [redacted] It is possible that
AAA range practice may be held there during the winter of 1950/1951.

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